

LOCAL MISCELLANY.

WILD CAREER OF A TEXAS STEER.

AND THE CHILDREN IN THE STREETS—

POOR PRACTICE BY THE POLICE.

The first wild steer of the season was chased from First- and Forty-seventh-st. down town yesterday, creating mingled alarm and amusement. It was a large, white animal, raised in Texas, and was owned by Will & Mayer, of No. 518 First-ave. Several boys began to chase it at 8 p. m., soon after it had escaped from a slaughter-house in Forty-seventh-st. They got a rope over its horns, but it broke loose and ran down Second-ave, under the elevated railroad tracks, and ran swiftly for some distance. At Twenty-third-st. it was still inclined to follow the elevated track, which at this point turns toward First-ave, but a man with a blue umbrella in the way, the steer was frightened and ran toward the city. The umbrella was wrecked and the man narrowly escaped injury. Frightened by the collision, the steer went at a gallop as far as Second-ave, where Martin Hoff, an old Irishman, was crossing the avenue. Hoff raised his cane and shook it at the animal, which lowered its horns and kept right on. One long horn pierced the coat of the old man, and in an instant he was tossed to the gutter. His hip was bruised badly, and when he struck on the pavement his face was cut. He was taken to his home at East Twenty-third-st. in an ambulance.

The steer went through Twenty-first-st. to First-ave, but returned immediately to Second-ave, and continued on its journey southward. A man who was riding a bicycle was attached to a truck tried to head the animal off. The result was a collision in which one of the wheels of the truck was injured. Hoff and passed through a thickly populated district. Swarms of children from tenement houses kept up a constant din as it passed. Two children, but did not injure them much. Passing through a lumber-yard near the river, it went out in the water. The foot of Seventh-ave, and looked down at the water, among them Patrolman Keenan, of the Eleventh Precinct. Wagon and car were drawn up on the pier, and a barrier was thrown the policeman began to shoot at the animal. When the revolver was nearly empty the steer made a rush toward the city. Hoff, who was determined to fill the breach. He struck out boldly with his club, but the steer knocked him down and split his forehead. He refused to have anything more to do with the steer. He said he had a pain in his back and was going to report sick.

Four other policemen chased the steer into the mahogany lumber yard of P. M. Dingee & Son, at Sixth and Lewis sts. On the way there two children, whose names were not taken, were killed. The steer was not injured, but it was killed in the yard two or three workmen were turning over heavy mahogany burls. The steer made directly toward them, and they fled. Hoff shot at the animal, and several bullets were lodged in its hide. The burl at length became entangled among some of the burl and fell. Hoff then ran up and cut its throat. Its carcass was claimed by an employee of the owners late in the afternoon.

ST. STEPHEN'S HOME RAVAGED BY FEVERS.

FIFTEEN CHILDREN DOWN WITH TYPHUS—SCARLET

AND TYPHOID FEVERS ALSO PREVALENT.

An epidemic of typhus fever has broken out in the St. Stephen's Home for Children at No. 145 East Twenty-eighth-st. The institution is a large building, and is situated in a healthy locality. Twelve children had been sent from the home to the Riverside Hospital before the close of last week, and they all had scarlet fever. Ten little girls were taken to the Riverside Hospital at the foot of East Sixteenth-st. on Monday. They had been sent from the St. Stephen's Home on Saturday and Sunday, and were also suffering from scarlet fever. From the Reception Hospital they were transferred to the Riverside Hospital under the care of Assistant Sanitary Inspector Chapman.

Dr. Chapin examined the ten little girls placed in his care on Tuesday, and discovered that their disease was typhus fever. He found that their symptoms were such as to make it easy for a physician to mistake the nature of the complaint. The children were sent to the Riverside Hospital yesterday and today. Dr. Day of his discovery. The latter started at once for St. Stephen's Home, in company with Dr. Chapin and Assistant Sanitary Inspector Chapman. They examined the premises carefully. The school rooms and dormitories in the home were found in fair condition as to cleanliness and ventilation. There was no epidemic of scarlet fever, which is dangerous where the fever gets a foothold. Dr. Day and his assistants thought that the fever must have been introduced into the home by some one. A person who had been with a child who had the disease. Directions were given to have the top floor of the house where the children had been sent fumigated and disinfected. Dr. McChesney found four girls and one boy who showed unmistakable signs of typhus fever. The five children were sent to the Riverside Hospital yesterday and today. Dr. Day said yesterday afternoon that he did not fear that the epidemic would spread to the other children. He said that the epidemic was caused by the children who had been sent to the Riverside Hospital. He said that the epidemic was caused by the children who had been sent to the Riverside Hospital. He said that the epidemic was caused by the children who had been sent to the Riverside Hospital.

ACCUSED OF SWINDLING HIS WIFE.

Celinda Becker, a short, stout woman with a German cast of features, asked Justice Gardner in the Jefferson Market Police Court yesterday to issue a warrant for the arrest of her husband, Alexander Becker. She said she was married about forty years old, and though she was married a number of years she has lived apart from her husband since 1875. Since 1875, she said, she has lived in a small house, several years ago, she found herself heir to one-fourth of her property, which is valued at \$100,000. Shortly after she became possessed of this money, she was told by her sister, George B. Lawton, named as executor of her mother's will. In the early part of 1882 her husband wrote her a note, saying that he was going to Europe, and that he would be back in a few months. She said so and in the conversation that ensued he said he had a motive to the actions of the executor and said if she would give him power of attorney, he would take care of her interests. She agreed to the proposition and a document according him the power was drawn up and signed. In the latter part of the year, she said, she was again requested an interview and again it was agreed. He told her that there had been a mistake in the first paper and asked her to sign another. She did so on June 18, 1882, before Walter W. Montague. This last paper, or one purporting to be the same, was recorded in the Register's office four days later. By this time, she said, she had learned that her husband was not going to Europe, but that he had been in New York. She said she was not in the habit of signing papers for her husband, and that she had no knowledge of it whatever, and that the only paper she signed favoring her husband's interests was one according him a power of attorney.

The warrant was issued and Mr. Becker was taken to court. An examination was fixed for May 4. Becker was held, George B. Lawton, named as executor of her mother's will, was also held. He was held on \$10,000 bail, and offered himself as bondsman. He qualified in the property of the ownership of which is in dispute.

A PLAN PROPOSED FOR ASTOR LIBRARY.

The trustees of the Astor Library are considering a plan to increase its usefulness. Even since the opening of the library there has been much dissatisfaction on account of the limitation of the hours for reading and study. The objections to opening the library during the evening have been that a double force of librarians and attendants would be required, since the present employees have work enough to do already, and that the effect of the opening of the library would be the burning of gas would be destructive to the binding and the backs of the books. It was also said that no great library of research and reference like the Astor Library was open at night in any city of the globe.

A compromise plan is now suggested, and will, perhaps, be adopted. It is a plan to open the library during the evening hours, but to limit the number of persons who may use the library. The library is now open from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. The plan is to open the library from 7 p. m. to 10 p. m. The number of persons who may use the library will be limited to 100. The plan is to open the library from 7 p. m. to 10 p. m. The number of persons who may use the library will be limited to 100. The plan is to open the library from 7 p. m. to 10 p. m. The number of persons who may use the library will be limited to 100.

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